In the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 1-71 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add Claims 72-81 as follows:

--72. (Newly Added) A compound of formula II:

HO
$$R^{2}$$
 R^{2} R

wherein

 R^{21} is a group of the formula:

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R¹⁵ is -R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x;

R¹⁶ is hydrogen or methyl;

R²² is -OH;

R²³ is hydrogen;

R²⁴ is hydrogen;

R²⁵ is isobutyl;

R²⁶ is hydrogen or methyl;

R²⁷ is hydrogen or -CH₂COOH;

R^a is -CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂- or -CH₂CH₂CH₂-;

R^b is alkylene having from 8 to 12 carbon atoms;

Y is -NH-;

Z is hydrogen

n is1;

x is 1;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, stereoisomers and prodrugs thereof.

- 73. (Newly Added) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R¹⁶ is methyl.
- 74. (Newly Added) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R²⁶ is methyl.
- 75. (Newly Added) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R²⁷ is hydrogen.
- 76. (Newly Added) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^a is -CH₂CH₂-.
- 77. (Newly Added) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^b and Z form an n-octyl, n-nonyl, n-decyl, n-undecyl or n-dodecyl group.
- 78. (Newly Added) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^b and Z form an *n*-decyl group.

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- 79. (Newly Added) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^{15} is $-CH_2CH_2-NH-(CH_2)_{10}-H$.
- 80. (Newly Added) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of any of Claims 72-79 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 81. (Newly Added) A method of inhibiting the growth of bacteria in a mammal infected with or exposed to bacteria, the method comprising administering to the mammal a composition according to Claim 80 for a time and under conditions effective to inhibit growth of bacteria.--